

## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hajime AGA et al  
 Application No.: 09/034,336  
 Filed: March 4, 1998  
 For: REDUCTION INHIBITORY AGENT FOR ACTIVE-OXYGEN ELIMINATING ACTIVITY



Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: M. Moran  
 Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: AGA=6  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an [XX] Amendment [XX] Kohno et al and Hiramatsu et al journal articles in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|        | (Col. 1)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT | (Col. 2)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (Col. 3)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA |
|--------|---|---|------------------------------|
| TOTAL  | * 26  | MINUS   | * * 26<br>= 0                |
| INDEP. | * 3   | MINUS   | * * * 3<br>= 0               |

FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM

| SMALL ENTITY |                         | OR | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |                |
|--------------|-------------------------|----|---------------------------|----------------|
| RATE         | ADDITIONAL FEE          |    | RATE                      | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| x 9          | \$                      |    | x 18                      | \$             |
| x 39         | \$                      |    | x 78                      | \$             |
| +130         | \$                      |    | + 260                     | \$             |
|              | TOTAL<br>ADDITIONAL FEE |    |                           | OR<br>TOTAL    |

\* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[ ] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

## Small Entity

## Response Filed Within

- [ ] First - \$ 55.00
- [ ] Second - \$190.00
- [ ] Third - \$435.00
- [ ] Fourth - \$680.00

## Month After Time Period Set

[ ] Less fees (\$\_\_\_\_\_) already paid for \_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time on \_\_\_\_\_.

## Other Than Small Entity

## Response Filed Within

- [ ] First - \$ 110.00
- [ ] Second - \$ 380.00
- [ ] Third - \$ 870.00
- [ ] Fourth - \$1360.00

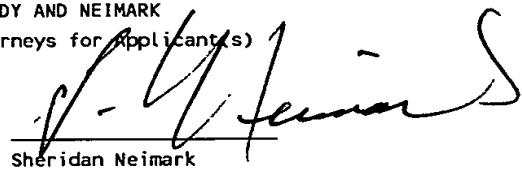
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[ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached (check no. \_\_\_\_).

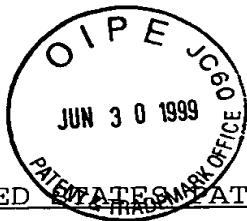
[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR Section 1.18.

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed March 31, 1999,  
Paper No. 4, please amend as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

? Please cancel the original abstract and insert in its place a new "Abstract of the Disclosure" as appears on a separate page attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 5 in amended form as follows:

*A 1 Sub C1*  
5 (Amended). A method for inhibiting the [reduction] ~~decrease~~ of active-oxygen-eliminating activity, which comprises incorporating, in an aqueous system, an [the] inhibitory agent [of claim 1] into a plant substance [with] having an active-oxygen-eliminating [eliminating] activity, said